Would Save \$10,000,000 and Let Big Fleet Go to Pieces in Face of Warning of Naval Experts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (Spl.)-Acording to the present plans of Republican leaders in congress, the second navy of the world is to be allowed "to go on the rocks." They have apparently decided it would be better to save some \$10,000.000 needed this year for the pay of skilled artisans to keep the navy affoat rather than safeguard the hundreds of millions of dollars invested in the navy. The decision of the forces in control of congress has been reached in the face of written warnings of such

in control of congress has been reached in the face of written warnings of such naval experts as Admirals Griffin and Taylor, the urgent request of the secretary of the navy and the fact that they themselves are now trying to build a straw man out of their investigations of the state of preparedness of the navy several years ago.

Last summer the secretary of the navy found it necessary to ask of the house various deficiency appropriations needed to carry the navy through the year. In these were included items for the pay of skilled mechanics in the yards over the country whose services were imperative to keep even the first line ships repaired and afloat. At that time the house received a favirable report from the committee on naval affairs and voted the sums necessary for this work. Then the bill went to the senate, where that body saw fit to lop off these sums requested, and the deficiency bill was passed without them.

Secretary Wakes Appeal

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which these funds are needed. He has this to say of the condition of the battleships alone:

"As a result of the reduced appropriation it has not been possible to proceed with repairs as expeditiously as it was desired, and thus far only five battle-hips have been overhauled and returned to service, some without the complete accomplishment of some important fire control work, the necessity for which has been demonstrated from experience gained during the war.

"Of the remaining battleships in full commission, 14 are now at navy yards, some under repair and others awaiting their turn to be taken up when funds are available."

Here is the condition on dreadnoughts as set forth by Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair:

"Of the 15 dreadnoughts actually in service, the overhaul on two can be completed, the overhaul on two can be completed and one about half completed from the funds now available, the overhaul of four has been well advanced and could have been completed from the funds available had it not been found necessary to withdraw them from the funds available had it not been found necessary to withdraw them from the funds, work can proceed on all these vessels that can be made available."

Like all exposed structures, the ships of the navy must either be kept in trim or allowed to rot and rust. After 25 months in the war zone and engaged in troop transport and convoy, when there was little opportunity for repair, funds.

Secretary Makes Appeal.

As the need grew more importalive the secretary found it necessary to write the following urgent letter to Speaker of the House Gillett:

"The serious situation with reference to the military efficiency of the navy impels me to write carnestly inviting attention of congress to the necessity of the deficiency appropriation of \$10,314.
982.19, requested by me in my letter to you on the 18th day of December, 1919, and which passed the house last summer, but failed of passage in the senate. The conditions are much more serious now than they were when presented at that time, and are set forth fully in the accompanying letters from the chiefs of the bureau of operations, construction and regair, steam engineering and yard and colors. in the accompanying letters from the chiefs of the bureau of operations, construction and repair, steam engineering and yards and docks. It will be seen from these letters that unless an appropriation is available, there will be a serious loss of the military efficiency of the navy. These officers whose letters I am inclosing are charged with the responsibility of keeping the fleet in readiness for any emergency that may occur, and their letters show the necessity for this appropriation. I need not say to you that the necessity of discharging 13,900 skilled artisans, whose services to the navy in the war was one of grave concern and without this appropriation it will be my painful duty to discharge these men because there will no funds to pay them. I am sure the congress, when they read these letters from the naval officers who have given this maiter great study, will agree with me that this is a matter of immediate importance and prompt action will be taken."

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In spite of this appeal setting forth the emergency the appropriations committee of the house has so far seen fit to report out a deficiency bill without including the provisions asked for in this letter. There is no evidence that the Republican leaders in the house will override the recommendations of the committee, and it looks as though the navy will be allowed to deteriorate. Some idea of the urgency of the appropriations requested is gleaned from the letters of the bureau chiefs transmitted to congress by Secretary Duniels. The chief of naval operations said in part:

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"The present unsettled conditions throughout the world demand that the ships of the navy be kept in efficient condition for action. The number of ships now capable of operating effectively in case of emergency is dangerously small. This condition is a direct result of a lack of funds with which to corposecute vigorously the required repair. and continuous demands of war service.
Admiral Griffin, for years an accepted authority on maintenance and repair and in charge of the bureau of steam engineering, sent to congress, through the secretary, a detailed statement of overhaul condition of the fleet, for which these funds are needed. He has this to say of the condition of the battleships alone:

"An a result of the condition of the bat-

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Advocates of the bill proposing a \$25. 00,000 bond issue for the construction of a modern highway system in Mis-

of a modern nighway system it als-sissippi are willing to accept any rea-sonable compromise or revision of the measure that will insure its passage, according to statements made by lead-ers today.

This is taken to mean that there will be a radical change made in the per-sonnel of the Mississippi highway commission; that instead of the present limited membership of the body it will commission, that instead of the present limited membership of the body it will be enlarged to nine commissioners, one from each congressional district and one from the state-at-large, to be nominated in the Democratic primaries this year and formally elected at the general election in November.

This, it is believed, will answer the objection raised that the expenditure of the large sum of money proposed

#### Dons Khaki Despite His Chilly Feet

"Cold feet" written before his nam on the application for enlistment boo of the naval recruiting officer Monday night sent a recruit to the service. The man, according to the recruiting officer, had been at the office a num-

ber of times inquiring about enlist ment. Monday he appeared again and

the officer told him there was nothing doing, showing him the fateful words set down against him.

With appropriate remarks the man denied the allegation and proved it by leaving for the training station.

Faris Ingram, 1178 Willoughby street: Alfred Haynes, Ridgiey, Teddy McCall and Harry Beard, Dyersburg: David Whitby, Millington, Tenn.; John R. Williams, Arcola, and Henry Wigington, Glen, Miss., this week were accepted for enlistment. set down against him. With appropriate re

#### PLAN TRUCK SERVICE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

COLUMBUS, Miss. Feb. 3. (Spl.)—
This city expects to soon have a daily motor transport service between Birmingham and Columbus, a distance of about 105 miles.

W. M. Davis and son, W. B. Davis, proprietors of the Dixle garage, in this city, are arranging to soon put into service two five-ton motor trucks between these two cities. The actual operation will start as soon as these trucks reach Columbus and weather and road conditions permit. oad conditions permit.

#### ORGANIZE FARM LOAN **BODY AT HUNTSVILLE**

HUNTSVILLIC, Ala., Feb. 3 (Spl.)—
The National Farm Loan association of Madison county, which has been formed to handle the local end of loans to be made by the federal government on farm lands in this county has been organized here with E. J. Berry, president; J. King Drake, vice-president, and R. O. Shreve, secretary-treasurer. Several prominent farmers are directors,

### AMERICAN LEGION POST AT COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, Miss., Feb. 3 (Spl.)-Much interest is being aroused in Co Much interest is being aroused in Columbus and all over the county in the
organization of an American Legion
post here. Although this city has been
somewhat late in starting the movement, a strong hold is now being taken
and a meeting of all ex-service men in
the county has been called at the city
hall here Thursday evening. At the
meeting, at which only white men who
were in service will be curolled as
members, an election of officers will
take place.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Feb. 2. (Spl.)—
Following the regular term of circuit court here Circuit Judge R. W.
Heidelberg will probably call a special
term of circuit court at Waynesboro for
a full investigation of the atrocious
murder of Cleveland Rowe. A white
man and negro are held in jail at
Waynesboro charged with the crime.

TO WELCOME POTENTATE.

Imperial Potentate J. Freeland Kendrick will be given a royal welcome on his visit to Meridian Feb. 12, according to plans being made by Potentate Irvin M. Moody, of Hamasu temple, and his hard-working committees. In addition Zamora, of Birmingham, Ala., Alcazar, of Montgomery, and Jerusalem, of New Orleans, will attend in full force. The features will be a monster ceremonial parade, a visit to the Masonic home, banquet at the Scottlish cathedral and ceremonial at the Grand opera house.



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nd now under indictment in federal ours for stealing the Ford car of Joe furney, chief of police, and taking it to schalobia, Miss, where it was sold. Pending his departure for Mississippi stegali is held as a fuglitive from Jus-ice.

FIRE AT BRISTOL, TENN. PRISTOL, Tenn. Feb 2 (Spl.)—Fire of undetermined origin caused damages just Saturday in the factory of the Moore-Earhart company here on State street, estimated at \$4,500. The damage is covered by insurance, it is estated. Considerable damage was done to leather and machinery by the fire

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\$1 Down, \$1 Week Only requirement that you buy at least \$5.00 worth of records for cash and you'd want at least this number of records. This machine is a genuine Victrola and plays all sizes of records. Wednesday only.

#### 81x90 SEAMLESS SHEETS, \$1.75 Finely finished, made of good close-woven domestic,

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